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**CHAFEE ANNOUNCES \$249,540 FUNDING
FOR STATE ENERGY PROGRAM**

WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee today announced that the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has awarded a \$249,540 grant to the Rhode Island State Energy Office (RISEO) and its partner, Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships, Inc. (NEEP).

“I am pleased that the Energy Department continues to recognize Rhode Island’s special efforts to improve efficiency standards throughout the region,” said Senator Chafee. “This funding will help ensure that the state energy office remains a leader in the Northeast now and in the future.”

The funding, through the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Weatherization & Intergovernmental Program, will be used to coordinate a buildings codes and standards project in nine states in the Northeast. The project’s tasks include maintaining a web site and producing a project newsletter, coordinating state agency and ratepayer-funded energy efficiency programs, and holding four teleconferences to facilitate knowledge transfer and information exchange.

Under the State Energy Program for fiscal year 2003, the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy is providing financial assistance to 187 grant proposals totaling \$17.3 million. The special projects selected must meet several goals including accelerate deployment of energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies; facilitate the acceptance of emerging and underutilized energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies; and increase the responsiveness of federally funding technology development efforts to private sector needs.

In addition to Special Projects, DOE’s State Energy Program also provides Rhode Island with grant funding in the amount of \$353,000 in fiscal year 2003.

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